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## Provisional agenda*

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## Annotations

**Item 1**
**Opening of the session**

The exceptional session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

**Item 2**
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the agenda shall be adopted by the Committee at the beginning of its meetings. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

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At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its exceptional session.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/1)

**Item 3**
**Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-seventh and exceptional sessions of the Committee**

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

**Item 4**
**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in that respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and further whenever the Committee requests.

In its decision 25/I, adopted at its twenty-fifth session, the Committee, taking into account that there were a significant number of reports of States parties awaiting consideration and that it was concerned that the information contained therein would become obsolete, requested the General Assembly to approve, on an exceptional basis, a session of three weeks' duration in August 2002, consisting of 30 meetings of the Committee to be used entirely for the consideration of the reports of the States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports.

At its fifty-sixth session, in its resolution 56/229 of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly acknowledged the number of reports awaiting consideration by the Committee, and in that regard decided to authorize the Committee to hold, on an exceptional basis, an extraordinary session of three weeks' duration in 2002 to be used entirely for the consideration of the reports of the States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite 11 States parties to present their reports at the exceptional session. Eleven States parties agreed to the request.

At its exceptional session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: second periodic report of Armenia (CEDAW/C/ARM/2); second periodic report of the Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/2); third periodic report of Uganda (CEDAW/C/UGA/3); combined third and fourth, and fifth periodic reports of Guatemala (CEDAW/C/GUA/3-4 and CEDAW/C/GUA/5); fourth periodic report of Barbados (CEDAW/C/BAR/4); combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Greece

(CEDAW/C/GRC/4-5); combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/4-5); fourth and fifth periodic reports of Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/4 and CEDAW/C/ARG/5); fourth and fifth periodic reports of Yemen (CEDAW/C/YEM/4 and CEDAW/C/YEM/5); fifth periodic report of Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/5); and fifth periodic report of Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/5).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its exceptional session.

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to periodic reports for transmission to the representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the exceptional session met in New York from 4 to 8 February 2002. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the list of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/EXC/CRP.1 and 2 and addenda).

**Documentation**

Second periodic report of Armenia (CEDAW/C/ARM/2)

Second periodic report of the Czech Republic (CEDAW/C/CZE/2)

Third periodic report of Uganda (CEDAW/C/UGA/3)

Combined third and fourth, and fifth periodic reports of Guatemala (CEDAW/C/GUA/3-4 and CEDAW/C/GUA/5)

Fourth periodic report of Barbados (CEDAW/C/BAR/4)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Greece (CEDAW/C/GRC/4-5)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Hungary (CEDAW/C/HUN/4-5)

Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Argentina (CEDAW/C/ARG/4 and CEDAW/C/ARG/5)

Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Yemen (CEDAW/C/YEM/4 and CEDAW/C/YEM/5)

Fifth periodic report of Mexico (CEDAW/C/MEX/5)

Fifth periodic report of Peru (CEDAW/C/PER/5)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/EXC/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Argentina), Add.2 (Armenia), Add.3 (Barbados), Add.4 (Czech Republic) Add.5 (Greece), Add.6 (Guatemala), Add.7 (Hungary), Add.8 (Mexico), Add.9 (Peru), Add.10 (Uganda) and Add.11 (Yemen))

Responses to list of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/EXC/CRP.2 (Armenia) and Add.1 (Argentina), Add.2 (Yemen), Add.3 (Guatemala), Add.4 (Barbados), Add.5 (Greece), Add.6 (Hungary), Add. 7 (Mexico), Add.8 (Peru), Add.9 (Czech Republic) and Add.10 (Uganda))

**Item 5**
**Implementation of article 22 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Article 22 of the Convention provides, inter alia, that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its exceptional session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3).

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of the specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/EXC/3/Add.4)

**Item 6**
**Adoption of the report of the Committee on its exceptional session**

# Annex

## Proposed organization of work

| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | *Documentation programme* |
|---|---|---|
| **Monday, 5 August 2002** | | |
| **568th meeting** | | |
| 10 a.m. | **Item 1** | **Opening of the session** |
| | **Item 2** | **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work** |
| | **Item 3** | **Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-seventh and the exceptional sessions of the Committee** |
| 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | **Item 5** | Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies |
| 3-6 p.m. | | Informal meeting with NGOs |
| **Tuesday, 6 August 2002** | | |
| **569th meeting** | | **Consideration of the reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention** |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Mexico, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/MEX/5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **570th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Mexico (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Wednesday, 7 August 2002** | | |
| **571st meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Armenia, second periodic report (CEDAW/C/ARM/2) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **572nd meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Armenia (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |

| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | *Documentation programme* |
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| **Thursday, 8 August 2002** | | |
| **573rd meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Czech Republic, second periodic report (CEDAW/C/CZE/2) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **574th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Czech Republic (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Friday, 9 August 2002** | | |
| **575th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Uganda, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/UGA/3) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **576th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Uganda (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Monday, 12 August 2002** | | |
| **577th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Guatemala, combined third and fourth, and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/GUA/3-4 and CEDAW/C/GUA/5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **578th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Guatemala (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |

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| **Tuesday, 13 August 2002** | | |
| **579th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Barbados, fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BAR/4) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **580th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Barbados (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Wednesday, 14 August 2002** | | |
| **581st meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Yemen, fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/YEM/4 and CEDAW/C/YEM/5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **582nd meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Yemen (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Thursday, 15 August 2002** | | |
| **583rd meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Peru, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/PER/5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **584th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Peru (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |

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| **Friday, 16 August 2002** | | |
| **585th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Argentina, fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/ARG/4 and CEDAW/C/ARG/5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **586th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Argentina (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Monday, 19 August 2002** | | |
| **587th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Greece, combined fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/GRC/4-5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **588th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Greece (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Tuesday, 20 August 2002** | | |
| **589th meeting** | | |
| 10-10.30 a.m. | **Item 4** | Hungary, combined fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/HUN/4-5) |
| | | Introduction by the representative of the State party |
| 10.30 a.m-1 p.m. | | Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee |
| **590th meeting** | | |
| 3-5 p.m. | **Item 4** | Hungary (continued) |
| (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |

| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | *Documentation programme* |
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| **Wednesday, 21 August 2002** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| 3 p.m. (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Thursday, 22 August 2002** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| 3 p.m. (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **Friday, 23 August 2002** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed) | **Item 4** | Working Group of the Whole |
| **591st meeting** | | |
| 3 p.m. | **Item 8** | **Adoption of the report of the Committee on its exceptional session** |